

Home Safety Checklist

Before your child invites friends for an overnight stay or a snack after school, make sure your home is safe. Can you check off "Yes" to the following?

Yes	No	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will you be home or will there be other responsible adult supervision?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you have smoke detectors on all floors in your house and do they all work?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If guns are on the premises, are they stored safely--trigger-locked or otherwise locked up? Is the ammunition locked up separately?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If alcohol or prescription drugs are on the premises, are they locked up?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are cleaning supplies, chemicals, and flammable liquids properly stored?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do you have a fire escape plan and have you practiced it with family members?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are 9-1-1 and other emergency numbers posted by the phone?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Will someone be monitoring the children's use of the Internet and/or telephone?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Are there good locks on the doors and windows?
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Do children know not to open doors to people they don't know?

Consider asking these questions of other parents at whose homes your child plays or visits. It may seem awkward, but it could save your child's life

Yes	No	
		Exterior doors
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	All doors are locked at night and every time we leave the house--even if it's just for a few minutes.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Doors are solid hardwood or metal-clad.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Doors feature wide-angle viewers at heights everyone can use.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If there are glass panels in or near our doors, they are reinforced in some way so that they cannot be shattered.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	All entryways have a working, keyed entry lock and sturdy deadbolt lock installed into the frame of the door.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Spare keys are kept with a trusted neighbor, not under a doormat or planter, on a ledge, or in the mailbox.
		Garage and Sliding Door Security
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The door leading from the attached garage to the house is solid wood or metal-clad and protected with a quality keyed door lock and deadbolt.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The overhead garage door has a lock so that we do not rely solely on the automatic door opener to provide security.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Garage doors are all locked when leaving the house.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The sliding glass door has a strong, working key lock.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	A dowel or a pin has been installed to prevent the door from being shoved aside or lifted off the track.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The sliding door is locked every night and each time we leave the house.
		Protecting Windows
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Every window in the house has a working key lock or is securely pinned.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Windows are always locked, even when opened a few inches for ventilation.
		Outdoor Security
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shrubs and bushes are trimmed so there is no place for someone to hide.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	There are no dark areas around our house, garage, or yard at night that would hide prowlers.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Every outside door has a motion-sensored, bright, working light to illuminate visitors.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Motion-sensored floodlights are used appropriately to ensure effective illumination.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Our house number is clearly displayed so police and other emergency vehicles can find the house quickly.
		Security When Away From Home
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	At least two light timers have been set to turn the lights on and off in a logical sequence when we are away for an extended time period.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	the motion detector or other alarm system (if we have one) has been activated when we leave home.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mail and news paper deliveries have been stopeed or arrangements for a neighbor/friend to pick them up have been made when we go away from home for a period of time.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	A neighbor has been asked to tend the yard and watch our home when we are away.
		Outdoor Valuables and Personal Property
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gate latches, garage doors, and shed doors are all locked with high-secutity, laminated padlocks.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Gate latches, garage doors, and shed doors are locked after every use.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Grills, lawn mowers, and other valuables are stored in a locked garage or shed, or if left out in the open, are hidden fromview with a tarp and securely locked to a stationary point.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Every bicycle is secured with a U-bar lock or quality padlock and chain.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bikes are always locked, even if we leave them for a just a minute.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Firearms are stored unloaded and locked ins storage boxes and secured with trigger guard locks.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Valuable items, such as televisions, stereos, and computers have been inscribed with an identifying number approved by local police.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Our home inventory is up-to-date and includes pictures. A list is kept somewhere out of the house.